

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 14-2243

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Dennis W. Myers

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City

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Before SMITH, BOWMAN, and COLLOTON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Dennis Myers directly appeals the sentences that the district court¹ imposed after he pleaded guilty to sex offenses. His counsel seeks leave to withdraw, and has

¹The Honorable Greg Kays, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), arguing that the district court abused its discretion in varying upward from the calculated Guidelines range to impose the statutory maximum sentences. Myers has moved for the appointment of new counsel.

Upon careful review, see United States v. Feemster, 572 F.3d 455, 461 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc) (abuse-of-discretion review of sentencing decision), we conclude that the sentences are not unreasonable. The district court considered the extensive evidence and arguments presented by both sides at the sentencing hearing, and explicitly, carefully, and at length explained the court's reasons for varying upward under the sentencing factors of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) as applied to Myers. See United States v. Richart, 662 F.3d 1037, 1051 (8th Cir. 2011) (upholding upward variance to statutory maximum and imposition of consecutive sentences); United States v. Mangum, 625 F.3d 466, 470 (8th Cir. 2010) (upward variance is reasonable where district court makes individualized assessment of § 3553(a) factors). Further, having independently reviewed the record in accordance with Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988), we find no nonfrivolous issues.

Accordingly, we affirm the judgment. We also grant counsel leave to withdraw, and we deny as moot the motion for appointment of new counsel.
